

Restoration Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2004

The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) met 7:00-8:00 p.m. April 20, 2004 at 407 Pershing Court, Fort Riley, Kansas.

Mr. Chuck Otte, Community Co-Chairperson, and Mr. B. Craig Phillips, Installation Co-Chairperson and Chief, Conservation Division, Directorate of Environment and Safety, opened the meeting and welcomed those attending.

Mr. Phillips began by introducing Mr. John Pain, a guest from Kansas State University, who is a graduate student researching environmental issues.

Mr. Phillips asked if there were any administrative remarks. Mr. Robert Warfel, introduced Ms. Dawn Trotter-Meadows, Administrative Assistant. Mr. Bryant Burnett, Mr. Rob Weber, and Mr. Larry Denver sent messages that they would not be able to attend.

Mr. Phillips requested a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Florence Whitebread, seconded by Mr. Steve Higgins, and unanimously approved.

Mr. Phillips asked if there were any additions or deletions to the current agenda. There were none.

Mr. Phillips asked Dr. Richard Shields if there were any public comment documents. There were none. However, the Proposed Plan for Marshall Army Airfield is planned for public comment in July 2004.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Shields gave Power Point and video clip presentations on the use of potassium permanganate for soil remediation at building 367. This innovative Pilot Study was planned and executed by Fort Riley in concert with the Corps of Engineers, regulatory partners, and several contractors. Dr. Shields also provided a brief overview of the Southwest Funston Landfill prescribed burn.

PROJECT UPDATES

Dr. Shields reported that Fort Riley submitted the Remedial Action Objective, Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirement, Technology Identification, Detailed Analysis of Alternatives Technical Memorandum on April 19, 2004 for the 354 Area Solvent Detections. The ground-water sampling event begins on April 21, 2004. Mr. Weber wants to take a split sample on April 22, 2004. The soil sampling at the Pilot Study treatment area has been conducted. A review of the non-validated data will be conducted to begin formulating future actions. The Open Burning/Open Detonation ground-water sampling event was conducted at

the site. The samples will be analyzed and a Technical Memorandum generated to determine the proper course of action for the site. The results are expected in three to four weeks.

Mr. Oral Saulters commented that the Southwest Funston Landfill prescribed burn performed this week was a success and should serve to further enhance the native vegetative cover. He also stated that Fort Riley is awaiting the results from the ground-water sampling event completed March 2004. Mr. Saulters discussed activities at the Former Fire Training Area-Marshall Army Airfield. Fort Riley is working closely with the Corps of Engineers and Burns & McDonnell to complete the Draft Final Proposed Plan. The Draft Final will be submitted before May 13, 2004. This document summarizes the remedies evaluated and identifies the preferred choice (monitored natural attenuation). The public comment period will open in July and the public meeting will coincide with the next RAB meeting. Mr. Saulters then reported that Fort Riley has been working diligently to complete all of the preliminary work related to the proposed land acquisition. However, feedback from the Corps of Engineers suggests that there are complications due to uncertainties concerning ownership of the property. During the Line Item Review meeting earlier today, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and Fort Riley discussed some possible alternatives for achieving the sampling goals. Mr. Kulakow requested that electronic copies of the Draft Final Proposed Plan be provided to the RAB when available. Mr. Saulters concluded by providing an update for the Forsyth Bank Stabilization/Republican River project. New and improved Unexploded Ordnance warning signs were installed between the Republican River and the riverwalk. The signs were developed in consultation with Mr. Harry Hardy from the office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Mr. John Shimp reported that Fort Riley is completing the Draft Final Remedial Investigation Addendum Report, which is due May 1, 2004. The spring ground-water sampling event started April 12, 2004 and included the horse corral piezometers. Pending the lab results, Fort Riley may request that these piezometers be abandoned. Fort Riley will also be sampling the surface water and sediment in Tributaries A and B near building 180/181. The sampling conducted in 1995 was positive for tetrachloroethylene.

Ms. Andrea Austin commented that the Camp Funston ground-water sampling event was completed at the end of March 2004 and DES is waiting for the analytical results from the laboratory. The Quality Control Summary Report (QCSR) will be submitted to regulatory agencies in May 2004 and the Data Summary Report in June 2004. Fort Riley will be sampling the ground-water at the Petroleum, Oils and Lubricant Tank Farm in early May 2004. The analytical results in the QCSR will be submitted to regulatory agencies in July 2004 and in the Data Summary Report in September 2004.

Mr. Phillips announced the Installation Action Plan (IAP) is scheduled for May 19-20, 2004 in Overland Park, Kansas. Mr. Otte will be representing the RAB. Dr.

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Shields proposed the concept of multi-sites Operable Units incorporating over 40 sites currently listed as Response Complete/Remedy In Place that do not have Records of Decision. A telephone conference call involving Fort Riley, Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and KDHE will be established to determine what is needed to close out many, if not all, of these sites. The funding for limited testing and documentation would then be requested at the IAP.

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Mr. Wayne Henson made a motion that the size of the RAB advertisement in the newspapers be reduced to half size to save expense. Mr. Phillips agreed, but would like to put it on hold until the October RAB meeting, noting the upcoming Marshall Army Air Field Public Notice meeting. Ms. Whitebread seconded the amended motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Henson posed a question regarding the status of a bill before Congress to exempt military ranges from environmental regulations. Mr. Phillips noted that the bill is in response to the Department of Defense Readiness and Range Preservation Initiative. Last year Congress passed a law that among other things, exempts military installations from certain portions of the Endangered Species Act if they have an approved Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan. Fort Riley qualified for this exemption and was reported as a positive example in the Federal Register.

Mr. Henson also inquired about the impact of lead and water quality. Mr. Phillips noted that this is not a RAB issue. Fort Riley has replaced all known lead pipes. Fort Riley samples for lead in the drinking water and reports the results in its Consumer Confidence Report. This report shows Fort Riley's tap water is safe to drink.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be conducted from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on July 20, 2004 at 407 Pershing Court, Fort Riley, Kansas.

Mr. Steve Higgins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Peter Kulakow seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting handouts included:

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Table of RAB Member attendance at the last four meetings: "P" signifies the member was present at the meeting, "EA" signifies an excused absence, and "UA" signifies an unexcused absence. "R" indicates the member has resigned.

	RAB Members	Apr 20, 2004	Jan 20, 2004	Jul 29, 2003	Oct 21, 2003
1.	B. Craig Phillips	P	P	P	P
2.	Chuck Otte	P	P	P	P
3.	Bryant Burnett	EA	P	EA	P
4.	Rob Weber	EA	P	P	P
5.	Harry Hardy	P	P	P	EA
6.	Larry Denver	EA	EA	P	EA
7.	Wayne Henson	P	P	P	P
8.	Steve Higgins	P	EA	UA	P
9.	Irwin Hoogheem	UA	P	P	P
10.	Peter Kulakow	P	EA	P	EA
11.	Florence Whitebread	P	P	P	P

IRP Members attendees at the April 20, 2004 meeting:

Dr. Richard Shields
 Oral Saulters
 John Shimp
 Andrea Austin
 Robert Warfel
 Dawn Trotter-Meadows

Non RAB member attendees at the April 20, 2004 meeting:

Mr. John Pain